

## **10 PASTORAL CARE**

### **First aid & medical needs**

If your child gets a minor injury at school, we will obviously look after their needs. We clean and protect cuts and grazes and treat bumps with an ice pack. In the event of illness or a more serious accident, parents are notified immediately and asked to take their child home or to seek further medical advice.

If a child needs urgent medical attention, an ambulance will be called the parent informed as a matter of urgency. As such, it is very important that you keep us informed of any changes to your contact details.

### **Medicines**

We ask that no medicines are brought into school unless they are considered absolutely essential. We ask you to administer medicine at home whenever possible. Any Epipens or asthmatic aids kept in school should be clearly labelled with the child's name and administration directions. Please ensure we are kept informed of any changes to medical needs.

If your child does need medication in the school day, all medicines brought into school must be clearly labelled with the child's name and administration or dosage details. The adult bringing the child to school should hand the medicine to the School office with an 'Administration of Medicines' permission form (obtainable from the School office or downloadable from the website). The adult should sign the form and also take responsibility for collection of the medicine at the end of the school day. The class teacher should not be asked to administer medicines. Ideally, only sufficient dosage for that day should be brought in.

### **Sickness**

If your child becomes unwell at school, we will contact you and ask you to collect your child so you can seek medical assistance and so that infections are not spread amongst the school community.

Parents are asked to use their best discretion in deciding to send their child to school if they feel that they are unwell in the morning at home. Illness can spread easily in a school to both the other pupils and staff if children are returned before they are fully recovered. If your child has suffered from sickness or diarrhoea, we request that you keep them out of school for a period of 48 hours after their last episode.

### **Hot Weather**

In sunny weather, we ask that you provide your child with a sunhat, and additional water in a bottle with a sports cap. Please also ensure that you apply a sun screen in the morning before school. Extra Sun cream can be brought in by pupils if it is in roll-on form only. Please note that staff are not permitted to apply sun cream.